

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-20 (Canceled)

21. (Original) A method to regulate cell death and cell replication by modulating expression of human splice variants of *IG20* in the cell, the method comprising:

- (a) increasing cell replication by increasing splice variant DENN-SV to increase cell replication; and
- (b) increasing cell death and slowing cell growth by increasing splice variant *IG20*.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein cells provided with DENN-SV are resistant to inducers of cell death, and cells provided with *IG20* are susceptible to inducers of cell death.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein cells treated with inhibitors of splice variant DENN-SV or with increased *IG20* undergo cell death.

24. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein cell death and cell replication are modulated in cancer cells.

25. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein inducers of cell death are selected from the group consisting of radiation and chemotherapy.

26. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein the inhibitors are selected from a group consisting of siRNA, antisense molecules and antibodies.